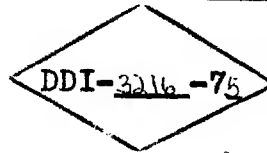




UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548



INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

DEC 8 1975

The Honorable William E. Colby
Director, Central Intelligence
Agency

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Attention: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Colby:

The General Accounting Office, in its continuing effort to provide Congress with accurate and relevant data, is presently evaluating U.S. security arrangements in the Far East, focusing on Japan and the Philippines. The overall goal of the study is to assess various regional arrangements, commitments, and capabilities of forces assigned to meet these obligations and interests.

An important concern of our review is the perceived threat as seen by both the United States and regional countries. Evaluations of U.S. policy, force posture, and role in the area are of major interest. Security arrangements, regional events, and external influences in the region as they impact on these arrangements are of relevance.

Studies and analyses of this issue area would be invaluable to our efforts. It would be appreciated if GAO personnel involved in this evaluation were granted access to the Central Intelligence Agency's AEGIS system. This document index/retrieval system would facilitate our basic research efforts by providing a comprehensive bibliographic listing of intelligence documents.

Mr. James Y. Kurihara and Ms. Joan M. Maloney, who have security clearances to the level of TOP SECRET, will be leading this survey. The data search will focus on current (1970-1975) analyses and evaluations of the region. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James Y. Kurihara (275-5857).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis W. Hunter".

Louis W. Hunter
Associate Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/CRS

Harry--

This is a written version of the telephone request I received earlier from GAO. I tried to turn it off by pointing out that AEGIS doesn't contain material on the US force posture, but my argument was undercut when Ms. Maloney explained that all she was after was a bibliography of foreign (particularly Japanese and Philippine) perceptions of the threat and of the US role.

I didn't want to appear brusque and arbitrary, so I suggested she put the request in writing so that we could evaluate it.

What are your views on:

a) Whether we should avoid doing jobs for GAO

b) If so, on what grounds

c) If this request doesn't entail too much effort, can we afford to take such work on a case-by-case basis

Date 17 Dec 75

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